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Atty. Docket: TPP 31437A

ATTACHMENT - Declaration of Charles Propst, Jr.



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Charles PROPST, et al.

Confirmation: 6803

Serial No.: 10/691,700

Group Art Unit: 1731

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Examiner: D. Cordray

For: COATING COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING ALKYL KETENE
DIMERS AND ALKYL SUCCINIC ANHYDRIDES FOR USE
IN PAPER MAKING

DECLARATION OF CHARLES PROPST, JR.

I, Charles Propst, Jr., am over the age of 18 years, and if called to testify, would be competent to testify to the following facts based on personal knowledge:

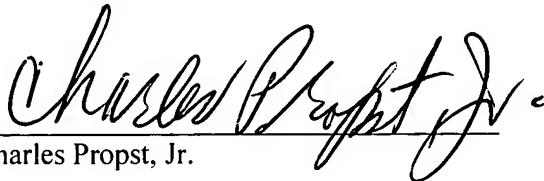
1. I am one of the co-inventors of the above-identified U.S. patent application.
2. I am aware of the subject matter of the above-identified application, as well as the Office Action of January 26, 2006, issued in connection therewith.
3. It is known to those of ordinary skill in the art that acrylic acid containing compositions (RPCs) have been added during paper making processes in order to provide moisture resistance properties to the paper made by this process. However, when the acrylic acid containing composition exceeds 10 dry lbs./ton, costs escalate rapidly.
4. In order to allow for less acrylic acid containing composition percentages, the present inventors have surprisingly and unexpectedly discovered that the addition of alkyl ketene dimer (AKD) and/or alkyl succinic anhydride (ASA) allows for less inclusion of the acrylic acid containing composition, while reducing costs and simultaneously obtaining the same advantages of greater amounts of acrylic acid containing compositions.

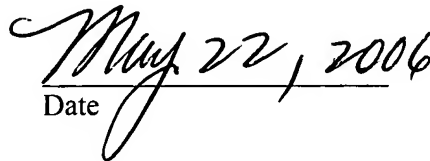
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5. I, further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the this application or of any reissue patent to issue thereon.

Further declarant sayeth not.


Charles Propst, Jr.


Date